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**MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION**

**SUBJECT: Authorization for Staff Sergeants (SSG) to Receive Basic Allowance for Housing (BAH) and Reside Off Post in the 50 United States**

1. Effective immediately, the Secretary of the Army has approved a change to the Army's mandatory assignment policy in the United States for single Soldiers in the grade of Staff Sergeant (E6):
  - a. Single Soldier's at the rank of SSG and above stationed in the United States are authorized to move off post and receive BAH at the without dependent rate.
  - b. Single SSGs may compete for installation Senior Enlisted Bachelor Quarters previously identified for single Sergeant First Class (SFC) and above where assets exist on the installation.
  - c. Applicable personnel, housing, finance and installation regulations will be revised accordingly.
  - d. Adequate BAH, Basic Allowance for Subsistence (BAS), household goods movements, and dislocation allowances will be programmed in the Program Objective Memorandum for Single Staff Sergeant troop strength.
2. Exceptions to this policy are stated below:
  - a. Staff Sergeants may elect to remain in enlisted barracks for the duration of their current tour. Upon reassignment to a new duty station in the United States, SSG's will receive BAH at the without dependent rate and be required to reside off post at the new duty station.
  - b. Key and Essential personnel required to live on post will be determined by the local command.
3. Setting up household costs and household goods movement reimbursements:
  - a. Soldiers who currently reside in government quarters and elect to move off post at the current duty station will incur household goods movement at their own expense. A government paid move or reimbursement is not authorized.

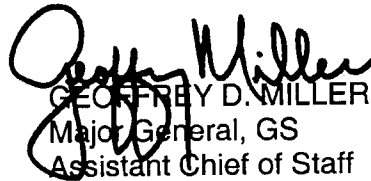
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b. If required to vacate government quarters at the directive of the Government (e.g., because of repairs or renovations of enlisted barracks, troop surges, etc.), Soldiers in the rank of SSG will remain off post for the duration of their tour and costs for moves directed at the convenience of the Government will be borne by the Government.

4. All affected Soldiers will plan accordingly and unit counseling should occur prior to moving off post or permanent change of station. Soldiers will process through their local Community Housing Relocation and Referral Services (CHRRS) office to locate suitable off post rentals or for home purchases, and the local finance and accounting support office for assistance.

5. The point of contact for this action is Mr. George Lloyd at (703) 601-2511 or email george.lloyd@hqda.army.mil.

  
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